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SUBJ: EXPORT GENERATORS FOR JIDDA

REF: SANA 2331 (NOTAL)

FINAL REPORT OF SUBJECT GENERATORS IS AS FOLLOWS:

1) REFTEL EXPLAINS SITUATION AS OF JULY 7, REGARDING SALVAGED CASES, EXTENSIVE SEARCH OF DOCK AREA AND CUSTOMS RECORDS INDICATE NO FURTHER CARGO SALVAGED.

2) TO BE ABSOLUTELY SURE, ADMIN OFFICER WENT TO THE SITE OF THE ABANDONED VESSEL. THE VESSEL HAD BEEN TOWED APPROXIMATELY 8 MILES OUT OF PORT AREA INTO THE RED SEA AND WAS ABANDONED WELL BEYOND NORMAL SHIPPING LINES. VISUAL INSPECTION OF VESSEL ON JULY 8 INDICATED THATSHE HAD BEEN COMPLETELY GUTTED FROM STEM TO STERN BY FIRE. VESSEL WAS LISTING 30 DEGREES STARBOARD.

3) NOT SATISFIED WITH VISUAL INSPECTION, ADMIN OFFICER PERSUADED RELUCTANT LAUNCH PILOT TO TIE UP ALONGSIDE THE VESSEL. ADMIN OFFICER BOARDED ABANDONED VESSEL AND PERSONALLY CHECKED ALL CARGO HOLDS.

4) HOLD NO. 1, CONTAINED NOTHING BUT ASBESTOS SHEETING.

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HOLD NO. 2 WAS COMPLETELY BURNED. KEEL OF VESSEL WAS VISIBLE.

ONLY EQUIPMENT THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN PART OF SUBJECT GENERATOR SHIPMENT WAS A V-12 ENGINE THAT WAS LYING PARTIALLY SUBMERGED IN THE HOLD. HOLDS 3 AND 4 WERE STILL BURING. HEAVY SMOKE DID NOT PERMIT INSPECTION OF WHATEVER CARGO WAS STILL BMOOW. HOLD NO. 5 WAS BURNED OUT AND FROM THE DEBRIS MUST HAVE CONTAINED SOME FORM OF CANNED GOODS AND/OR CLOTH MATERIALS.

5) SUPERSTRUCTURE OF VESSEL WAS COMPLETELY BURNED OUT AS WAS T FAN TAIL SECTION WHICH MUST HAVE HOUSED CREW. INTENSITY OF FIRE WAS EVIDENT BY BUCKLED DECK PLATES AND WARPED HATCH COVER SUPPORTS.

6) VESSEL HAS BEEN CONSIDERED UNSALVAGABLE BY LLOYDS OF LONDON (INSURERS). EXTENSIVE DAMAGE AND LACK OF SALVAGE FACILITIES IN AREA EVIDENT WHEN GREEK SALVAGE FIRM INSPECTED VESSEL AND DECIDED IT WAS AROT FEASIBLE TO ZMGOW VESSEL TO NEAREST SALVAGE FACILITIES.

7) REGRET NOTHING FURTHER CAN BE DONE FROM SANA OR HODEIDA. SUGGEST AMCONSUL BOMBAY CONTACT CHARTER AGENT TO FIND OUT HOW SALVAGED PARTS SHOULD BE DISPOSED.
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